

REMARKS

Claim 61 is new.

Claims 2, 4, 14-15, 30-32, 50, 52 and 54-60 are canceled.

Support for each new and amended claim is found throughout the specification and at the originally filed claims.

No new matter has been added.

This amendment replaces the amendment of August 23, 2007.

Applicants thank Examiner Cordray for indicating that Claims 4, 38, and 45, as well as 31 and 32, are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening Claims.

The objections to Claims 24, 46, and 50 are obviated by amendment of Claims 24 and 46, and cancellation of Claim 50.

The indefiniteness rejections of Claims 26-36, 48 and 51-53 are obviated by cancellation of Claims 30-32 and 52, and amendment of Claims 26-29, 33-35, 48, 51 and 53.

All obviousness and anticipation rejections are obviated by the incorporation of the features of Claims 2 and 4 (now canceled) into Claims 1 and 9. As Claim 4 was allowable, and depended from Claim 2, which in turn, depended from Claim 1, and the features of Claims 4 and 2 have been incorporated into Claims 1 and 9, Claims 1 and 9, and the Claims depending therefrom, are allowable.

Applicants submit the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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